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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
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Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a major modification of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the Mill 5/6-Gold Quarry-James Creek Project to incorporate the Pete Open Pit Mine, a gold mining facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for the major modification of Permit NEV90056 is:

Newmont Mining Corporation
Mill 5/6-Gold Quarry-James Creek Project
P.O. Box 669
Carlin, Nevada 89822

The facility, known as the Mill 5/6-Gold Quarry-James Creek Project, is located in north-central Eureka County, between 6 and 21 miles north of the town of Carlin, Nevada. The components are located in portions of Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, Township 33 North, Range 51 East; Sections 6 and 7, T33N, R52E; Sections 25, 35, and 36, T34N, R51E; Section 31, T34N, R52E; Sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 13, and 24, T35N, R50E; and Sections 19, 29, and 30, T35N, R51E, MDB&M.

The project consists of the Gold Quarry, Mac, and Tusc open pits and the Leeville and Deep Post underground gold mining operations; the James Creek and Mill 5/6 tailings storage facilities (TSF); the Mill 5/6 TSF Caro's Acid plant; the Gold Quarry Heap Leach pad and Bio-oxidation test facility; the North Waste Rock Disposal, South Waste Rock Disposal, and Mill 5/6 Embankment Waste Rock Disposal facilities; the Mill 5/6 complex, comprised of a conventional carbon-in-leach (CIL) gold recovery mill (Mill 5) and the adjacent Mill 6 and Refractory Ore Treatment Plant (Mill 6 & ROTP); a carbon handling facility; a gold refinery; water quality monitoring wells; and associated pipelines, ditches, ponds, pumps, and containment for conveyance and control of process solutions within the facility. The Pete Mine, comprised of the Pete, Castle Reef, and Crow open pits, an

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engineered waste rock disposal facility, and an engineered refractory ore stockpile, will be incorporated as a major modification to the Permit. A facility is required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative determination to issue the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), Chapter 445A, must submit their comments, objections, or

requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (June 16, 2003) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
Capitol Complex
333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
Carson City, NV 89706-0851

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this permit. If the Division determines that written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 445A.665. For more information, contact Miles Shaw at (775) 687-9409, or toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.html>